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OF THE

*Protestant Episcopal Church,*

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE BOROUGH

OF

NORRISTOWN,

*On Tuesday, May 11th, Wednesday, May 12th, and Thursday,  
May 13th, 1824.*

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LIST  
OF THE  
CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES  
WHO COMPOSED  
THE  
CONVENTION.

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The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. bishop, and rector of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Alfred A. Muller*, rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brinckle*, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *William A. Muhlenberg*, associate rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *John Rodney*, jun. rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Edward R. Lippitt*, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *John F. Robinson*, officiating in St. Thomas's church, White Marsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, jun. residing at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. *Levi S. Ives*, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburg, Alleghany county.

The Rev. *Charles Williams*, deacon, rector of St. John's church, York, York county, and Christ-church, Huntington, Adams county.

The Rev. *Enoch Huntington*, deacon, minister of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barrè, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, deacon, associate rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county.

The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, deacon, officiating as domestic missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Mathew Mathews*, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

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#### LAY DEPUTIES.

*Berks County.* Reading, Christ-Church, *Henry Styles*, *Nathaniel P. Hobart*.

Morlatten, St. Gabriel's church, *Dr. David Rutter*.

*Bucks County.* Bristol, St. James the Greater's church, *James P. Morris*.

*Chester County.* East Nantmeal township, St. Mary's church, *John Templin*, *Samuel Shafer*.

Pequea, St. John's church, *Thomas G. Henderson*, *Clement A. Buckley*.



Great Valley, St. Peter's church, *Walter Kerr, Cromwell Pearce.*

*Cumberland County.* Carlisle, St. John's church, *Edward J. Stiles, Benjamin Stiles.*

*Delaware County.* Chester, St. Paul's church, *Peter De-shong.*

Marcus Hook, St. Martin's church, *David Marshall, Thomas Robinson.*

Radnor, St. David's church, *John Hunter, Philip Sheaff.*

*Lancaster County.* Lancaster, St. James's church, *Washington Hopkins, George W. Jacobs.*

Church Town, Bangor church, *John Sheaffe.*

*Luzerne County.* Wilkes-Barrè, St. Stephen's church, *Samuel Maffat.*

*Montgomery County.* Whitmarsh, St. Thomas's church, *John Donaldson, Richard Duffield.*

Norristown, St. John's church, *Levi Pawling, Matthias Holstein, Benjamin Evans.*

*Philadelphia City and County.* Christ-church, *Caleb P. Wayne, George Tryon.*

St. Peter's church, *William Meredith, William Phillips, John Miller, jun.*

St. James's church, *Charles N. Bancker, John Read.*

St. Stephen's church, *Robert E. Griffith, Samuel Hazlehurst, James I. Skerret.*

St. Andrew's Church, *Dr. John R. Coxé, Cornelius Stevenson.*

St. Paul's church, *John Claxton, John Mathews.*

St. John's church, N. L. *John Ashburner, Joseph S. Riley.*

Trinity church, Southwark, *Edward Wallington, Joseph Huddle.*

Oxford, Trinity church, and Lower Dublin, All Saints' church, *William Shepherd.*

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The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the convention, were not present during this session.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary in New York.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, associate rector of St James's church, Lancaster, and St. John's church, Pequea.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, rector of St. John's church, Concord, and St. John's church, New London.

The Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

The Rev. *John P. Bausman*, jun. officiating in the churches in Fayette county.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Moses P. Bennet*, rector of Christ-church, Greensburgh, and the church at Kittanning.

The Rev. *Norman Nash*, deacon, officiating in Lewistown, Mifflin county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*, deacon, officiating in Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. *Christian F. Crusè*, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, deacon, officiating in Susquehanna and Bradford counties.

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*Norristown, Montgomery County,  
Tuesday, 11th May, 1824.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and Norristown being the place selected by the last Convention, the Rt. Rev. *William White*, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay Deputies attended in St. John's Church in this Borough.

The chair was taken by the Bishop.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over; and the following answered to their names and took their seats:—

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D.D. senior assistant minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester and Bangor church, Church Town, Lancaster county; the Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia; the Rev. *Fehu C. Clay*, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown; the Rev. *James Montgomery*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia; the Rev. *Alfred A. Muller*, rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county; the Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Samuel C. Brinckle*, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, and St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county; the Rev. *William A. Muhlenberg*, associate rector of St. James's church, Lancaster county; the Rev. *John Rodney*, jun. rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county; the Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Phila-

delphia; the Rev. *Edward R. Lippitt*, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county; the Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, jr. residing at Easton, Northampton county; the Rev. *Levi S. Ives*, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Charles Williams*, deacon, rector of St. John's church, York, York county, and Christ-church, Huntington, Adams county; the Rev. *Enoch Huntington*, deacon, minister of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barrè, Luzerne county; the Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, deacon, associate rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county; the Rev. *Robert Piggot*, deacon, officiating as domestic missionary in Philadelphia county; the Rev. *Mathew Mathews*, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats:—

From Christ-church, Philadelphia, *Caleb P. Wayne*; from St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, *William Phillips*, *John Miller*, jr. from St. James's church, Philadelphia, *Charles N. Bancker*, *John Read*; from St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia, *John Ashburner*; from St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county, *James P. Morris*; from St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, Berks county, Dr. *David Rutter*; from St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, *John Templin*, *Samuel Shafer*; from St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, *Thomas G. Henderson*, *Clement A. Buckley*; from St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county, *Edward J. Stiles*, *Benjamin Stiles*; from St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, *David Marshall*, *Thomas Robinson*; from St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county, *Peter Deshong*; from St. James's church, Lancaster, *Washington Hopkins*, *George W. Jacobs*; from Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, *John Sheaffe*; from St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barrè, Luzerne county, *Samuel Maffet*; from St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, *Levi Pawling*, *Benjamin Evans*; from St. Thomas's church, Whitmarsh, Montgomery county, *John Donaldson*, *Richard Duffield*.

The Rev. *Wm. H. De Lancey* was elected Secretary.

A list of the Clergy who were absent from the last Convention was called over, according to the 15th Regulation.

The Rev. Mr. *Sitgreaves* and the Rev. Mr. *Boyd* tendered excuses for their absence on that occasion, which, on motion of Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, were accepted as satisfactory.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Clay*, the Convention adjourned to meet at half past ten o'clock to-morrow morning to attend divine service in this church.



*St. John's Church, Wednesday, 12th May,  
half past 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. *Charles Williams*, rector of St. John's church, Yorktown, York county, and Christ church, Huntington, Adams county, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The following Clergymen, members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All-Saints church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county; the Rev. *Samuel C. Brinckle*, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county; the Rev. *John Rodney*, jun. rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county; the Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburg, Allegany county; the Rev. *Robert Piggot*, deacon, officiating as domestic missionary of the society of the Protestant Episcopal church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, in the city and county of Philadelphia; the Rev. *John F. Robinson*, residing at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The following Lay Deputies, whose certificates were presented yesterday, but who were not themselves present at that meeting, appeared and took their seats.

From St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, *William Meredith*; from Christ church, Philadelphia, *George Tryon*; from St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia, *Joseph S. Riley*; from St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, *Matthias Holstein*.

Certificates of the appointment of the following Lay Deputies having been presented and read, they took their seats.

From St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, *Robert E. Griffith*, *Samuel Hazlehurst*, *James F. Skerrett*; from St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, *John Claxton*, *John Matthews*; from St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, Dr. *John R. Coxe*, *Cornelius Stephenson*; from Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, *Joseph Huddle*, *Edward Wallington*; from St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county, *Walter Kerr*, *Cromwell Pearce*; from St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, *Philip Sheaff*, *John Hunter*; from All Saints church, Lower Dublin, and Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county, *William Shepherd*.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Eleazer Williams*, lay reader, and catechist among the Oneida Indians at Green Bay, was admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop *White*, in compliance with the 45th Canon, read the following address.

*Brethren, the Clergy, and the Lay Deputies of this Convention;*

My annual Report to you, is as follows :

On the 22d of May, during the Session of the General Convention, sundry of my Right Reverend Brethren assisting, I consecrated to the Episcopacy the Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, Bishop elect for the state of North Carolina: an event, which was highly gratifying to the Bishops, and to the Clerical and the Lay Deputies from the several states, as well because of the respectability of the person consecrated, as because of the expediency of extending the Episcopacy to that important district of the union. It may not be irrelevant to mention, that, during the same Session, the church in the state of Georgia, having been duly organized, was admitted to a representation in the body, which completes the representation for all the states constituting the American Republic, at the time of the establishment of its Independence.

On the 31st of the same month, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, St. Andrew's church in the city of Philadelphia, and preached on that occasion.

On the 8th day of June, I ordained to the Holy Office of Deacons, Henry M. Mason, since settled in Connecticut.

On the 14th day of the same month, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, St. Stephen's church in the borough of Wilkesbarre; and administered the Rite of confirmation on the same day, in the same church.

On the next day, I ordained in the same church, to the Holy Office of Priests, the Reverend Samuel Sitgreaves, then its pastor, who has since resigned his charge.

On the 23d of July, at the instance of the Theological Professors in New-York, I repaired to that city, and presided and delivered an address, on the occasion of the honours conferred on the first class which have left the institution, after having completed a course of study. It was very gratifying, to find the good fruit of the assiduous attentions of the able instructors in the seminary. It was reported in my last annual address, that some ladies of the city of Philadelphia had instituted a scholarship, while it was still in New Haven; and that since the removal, they have carried the design into

effect. It may be proper now to mention, that a scholar has been appointed, and is pursuing his studies, in which he progresses much to the satisfaction of the professors.

On the 21st day of August, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, St. James's church in Newcastle county, in the state of Delaware.

On the 14th of the same month, I ordained to the Holy Office of Deacons, Samuel Bowman, who has taken the charge of S. John's church, Pequea, as associate Rector, in the room of the Reverend Mr. Muhlenberg, who has resigned.

On the 5th of September, I ordained to the Holy Office of Priests, the Reverend James Pilmore, of Natchez, on the Mississippi.

On the 7th of September, I preached and administered the Holy Rite of Confirmation, in St. James's church, Perkiomen.

On the 26th of October, I ordained to the Holy Office of Deacons, Thomas Jackson, since settled in Maryland.

On the 30th of November, I ordained to the Holy Office of Priests, Richard U. Morgan, and to the Holy Office of Deacons, Robert Piggot, since engaged as a domestic missionary, in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia, in the service of the society for the advancement of Christianity.

On the 14th of December, I held an ordination in Trinity church, Southwark; when I ordained to the Office of Priests, Levi S. Ives and Moses P. Bennet, and to the Office of Deacons, John H. Hopkins; and on the same day, I held a confirmation and preached in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia; and, on the 28th of the same month, I confirmed and preached in St. Stephen's church, in the same city.

On the 18th day of January, I confirmed and preached in Trinity church, Southwark.

On the 8th day of February, I ordained to the Holy Office of Deacons, Christian F. Crusè; and, on the 14th day of March, I ordained to the same Holy Office Matthew Matthews, M. A., Samuel Marks, and William Levington, a coloured man: It is proper to mention, in order to its being recorded, that I have this day held a confirmation in your presence, and have admitted the Rev. John H. Hopkins to the Holy Order of Priests.

The following changes have taken place, in regard to the ministerial duties of the Diocese.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, in consequence of the ill state of his health, has resigned the Rectory of St. Luke's church, in Germantown; and the Rev. Edward R. Lippitt, formerly of South Carolina, has been elected in his place.



The Rev. Joseph Jacquett, has ceased to officiate in St James's church, Bristol; and the Rev. Albert A. Muller, formerly of the Diocese of South Carolina, has been elected the Rector of that church. The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle has discontinued the pastoral charge of St. John's church, Concord; and, in addition to the duties of St. David's, Radnor, is in the performance of those of St. Peter's in the Valley. The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass officiates in Concord, and in the church in New London. The Rev. Charles Williams, a clergyman from England, in Deacons Orders, has been chosen Rector of St. John's church, York-town, and officiates in the church in Huntington, in Adams county. The Rev. William Thompson has resigned the Rectory of Trinity church, Pittsburg, having removed from the Diocese; and is succeeded by the Rev. John H. Hopkins. The Rev. J. J. Robertson, late of the Diocese of Virginia, now a resident in this Diocese, has given a temporary supply at St. Thomas's church, Whitmarsh.

The Rev. Robert Davis has been engaged in efforts for the organizing of a congregation in the borough of Reading, in the service of the society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Levi Bull has resigned the charge of St. Gabriel's, Morlattan; owing to his many engagements in the other churches under his pastoral care.

The Rev. Samuel Marks, lately ordained a Deacon, has been sent by the society for the advancement of Christianity, on a mission to the counties of Brádford and Susquehanna.

The persons confirmed by me during the year, are 198 in number. The occasions of confirmation in the churches under my parochial care, have not been mentioned.

The admitted candidates for Holy Orders, are John Baker Clemson, William Eldred, Russel Parrot (a coloured man,) David C. Page, James Depuy and Benjamin Hutchins.

There may be no impropriety, in again recurring to the subject of the Theological Seminary, so far as to express the opinion, that the interests of our church require the zealous support of its members, for the rendering of it an efficient nursery of the ministry. When the question of a General Seminary, in comparison of many Seminaries of the Diocesan character, was under consideration, the declared opinion of this Diocese, was in favour of the latter. Your Bishop declared his concurrence in that choice. His opinion was founded on the danger, that the other might be productive of dissension. The reason has applied to the supporting of the contrary choice, from the time that it was found to be the



sense, as it continues to be of the church at large: especially as the constitution provides for the establishing of local schools, to any extent which may be thought advisable, and proportioned to the funds which may be obtained.

The domestic and foreign Missionary Society, has not been without efficiency, although it has been less than was expected; chiefly owing to there having been since instituted, sundry Missionary Societies of a Diocesan character; the efforts of which, are limited to their respective Dioceses. Although the result is a deduction, as well from the demands on the general society, as from the funds which would otherwise have been committed to its trust; yet it may reasonably be expected, that neither this diocese, nor any other, will cease to feel an interest in that more enlarged design, which comprehends the necessities of extensive countries within the United States, entirely destitute of ecclesiastical labours; and, in addition to this, the contributing of the aid of the American church, towards those vast designs which are in operation for the evangelizing of the world.

It is, however, conceived by your bishop, that this object, however important, ought not to lessen the exertions of the diocese in favour of its peculiar institution—"The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania."—There are many parts of the state in which the administration of the ordinances, agreeably to the institutions of our church, is no more provided for than in the new states to the west and to the south of us. The good achieved by the society, is in one respect a source of mortification to those who have the management of its concerns; as it presents continually before them an immense field of usefulness, in the various quarters to which their efficiency is invited, while they are without the means of meeting the expectations which have been excited. Affiliated to this society is the Female Tract Society, who have made a small addition to their Tracts; although not recovered from the losses brought on them by a destructive fire, mentioned in the last annual address.

Although the Bible Society is under the management of Christians of different religious denominations; yet your clergy, and very many lay members near the seat of its sittings, conceive of their church as having an interest in its success: on which account, it may fitly be recommended on the present occasion to the patronage of this church.

The Sunday schools are still in operation in all the congregations of the city of Philadelphia, and in various other pla-

ces. It is to be hoped, that this expedient for the extending of the influence of religion, will be more and more adopted. The society for the encouraging of that important object, having for some time devoted all the proceeds from collections in churches to the supply of books and tracts, have lately judged it sufficient to limit that destination to one third of the proceeds: leaving the other two thirds for the Sunday schools of the churches in which the collections were made. The society have on hand a considerable number of tracts and school books, which may be had at low prices at the book store of their agent.

The fund for the support of a future bishop, is in as good a state as prudent management and slender contributions can make it; and your present bishop conceives of it as a duty to present it to the view of the church on every annual occasion of conventional meeting.

The corporation for the support of the widows and the children of deceased clergymen have still to represent, that there are but few whose families are now, or are in future likely to be benefited by the increase of their fund. They have lately taken under consideration the propriety of increasing the annuities, as permitted by their fundamental laws; and a determination on this subject has been reserved to an adjourned meeting, to be held within a few days.

After the narrating of the facts called for by the object of this address, the thought occurs, that the present may be a suitable period for a brief retrospect to the past, and for a looking forward to what the future presents as a matter of duty.

We are now at the end of forty years, which have passed since the organizing of our church in this diocese. In the times of the province our members had been always few, and in any vicinity beyond the limits of the city, not competent to provide for the administration of the ordinances, without aid from the other side of the Atlantic. During a portion of the revolutionary war, except within the limits already referred to, the sound of the gospel, in connexion with our services, was discontinued throughout the state; and the revival was very small at the said period of organization. When we contemplate the gradual increase which has taken place, as well in the number of the clergy as in that of the laity, including within both orders men competent to all the purposes for which religious communion has been instituted, it is a subject of gratulation; but attended by the circumstance, that it brings a heavy burden on our consciences in regard to the

time to come; because of our knowledge of the fact, that the field of labour has been increased beyond proportion to the increase of our means. This is noticed, as a motive to the excitement of the zeal of the clergy, and of the influential lay members of the diocese; without forgetting the interest possessed in it by him who ought to set an example of what he recommends. A church can scarcely be in any place, near to which there may not be found a district, where there are people who would be highly gratified by opportunities of worshipping God agreeably to our services, and what is a more serious consideration, persons who, from destitution of means, are without public worship of any kind, and in an increasing dissoluteness of manners. To pay attention to persons of either description is surely one way in which we may put in practice what our Saviour contemplated under the figure of going out to the high ways and the hedges.

The same is an expedient for the lengthening of the cords and the strengthening of the stakes of our Zion: it having been found in various instances, that there has been verified what was intended by the comparison of the mustard seed and its growth into a tree, under which the fowls of the air were to take shelter.

Let it not be supposed, that there is lost sight of the difference between the provision of the means of grace, and the bringing of the persons so provided for, to be the subjects of its holy influence. There may be the body without the spirit—the form without the power. Nevertheless, in like manner as the apostle of the Gentiles asked, “how shall they hear without a preacher?” so the principle may be extended to all the requisites of public worship: some by a remote, and some by a near and even necessary connexion. In all things which concern the subject, we should be occupied in planting and watering: looking with humble confidence to the heavenly Husbandman for the increase.

With the hope that the present occasion will not be without a bearing on the important work, your bishop pledges the concurrence of his endeavours to the effect.

WM. WHITE.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of this House.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, the minutes of the standing committee of the diocese for the past year, were read by the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*.



The report of the treasurer of the Convention, and of the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, were then read.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, the clergy were called on to report whether they had made collections in their respective churches for the Episcopal Fund.

The clergy accordingly reported verbally what had been done in reference to the said fund.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

*Wednesday, May 12th, 4 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, Christ's church, in the borough of Reading, the certificate required by the canon of 1821, having been exhibited, was admitted into union with the Convention: and *Henry Styles* and *Nathaniel P. Hobart*, deputies from the said church, presented the certificate of their appointment, and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. *Muller* offered a resolution, concerning the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

To this resolution the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery* offered an amendment.

The amendment was adopted; but before the question was taken on the resolution as amended,

On motion of Mr. *Pawling*, it was ordered to be laid upon the table for the present.

A memorial from St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, presented and read by the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, was, on motion, ordered to be laid upon the table.

The Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, from the committee appointed by the last Convention to consider, and report a plan for raising a fund for supplying the vacant congregations, and vicinities, in this Diocese, with the services of the church, read a report which, on motion, was re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of Mr. *Meredith*, to report again to-morrow morning.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, a committee was appointed on the unfinished business of the last Convention; consisting of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, and the Rev. Mr. *Ives*.

Mr. *Morris* offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the church



in this state, be held in the city of Philadelphia. Before the question was taken on this resolution, the Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

*Thursday, 13th May, 8 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—morning prayers were read by the Rev. *William A. Muhlenberg*, associate Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. *Morris*, and adopted it as follows:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the church in this State, be held in the city of Philadelphia.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, *Resolved*, That the meeting of the said Convention be held in St. Paul's church in that city.

The Convention took up the resolution and amendment offered yesterday, respecting the General Theological Seminary—for which the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins* proposed the following substitute which was adopted by the House:

*Resolved*, That this Convention, concurring with their venerable Bishop in the interest which he has expressed upon the subject of the General Theological Seminary in his address to this House, do heartily recommend that institution to the zealous support and fostering care of Episcopalians throughout this Diocese, as being an important mean, under Divine Providence, of supplying a learned and efficient ministry for the promulgation of the doctrines, and the preservation of the worship and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The Rev. Mr. *Kemper* from the committee on the supply of vacant parishes, presented the following report, which having been read by the secretary, was adopted.

Whereas, the contributions made by the churches in this Diocese, "for the purpose of defraying such expenses as the Convention may incur, and for defraying the expenses of the Delegates to the General Convention," agreeably to the 12th article of the regulations, &c. have exceeded the sums heretofore expended for these objects, and there is now, in the hands of the treasurer of the Convention, an unexpended balance of \$468:

And whereas, it is anxiously desired to supply the vacant congregations in this Diocese with occasional services, as well for their present comfort and benefit, as in the hope that such assistance may conduce to measures for the establishment of Pastors among them, so soon as they may have the ability for that purpose:

1. Therefore *Resolved*, That hereafter, one quarter only of the contributions required by the 12th article of the regulations before mentioned, shall be applied to the purposes therein mentioned as heretofore, and to the contribution towards the expenses of the General Convention—and that the other three quarters shall be applied to the supplying of the vacant congregations of the Diocese, with occasional services: and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Convention, to open and keep separate accounts of the said contributions accordingly, and report them to the Convention as heretofore.

2. *Resolved*, That at this and every succeeding Convention, there shall be appointed by ballot a committee of three clerical and three lay members, whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the bishop, or in case of a vacancy, with the concurrence of the chairman of the standing committee, to take order for supplying vacant congregations in the Diocese as aforesaid, with occasional services; and it shall be the duty of all clergymen, whether with or without a parochial cure, having in the former case the consent of their respective vestries, to comply with the requisitions of the said committee in this behalf; and, in case the vacant congregations so supplied, fail to defray the expenses attendant on such visits to them, the Treasurer of the Convention shall pay the same out of the monies so to be contributed and appropriated, upon the order of the aforesaid committee:—provided, that no appointment be made in conformity with the provisions of this resolution, without the approbation of the bishop or chairman of the standing committee as aforesaid. And it shall be the duty of the committee to be appointed in pursuance hereof, to keep and report to the Convention a written account of their proceedings.

3. *Resolved*, That if at any time the monies hereafter to be contributed for the purposes mentioned in the said 12th article of the regulations, and the contributions towards the expenses of the General Convention should, with the sum in hand, yield an interest which will be sufficient to cover the annual expenditure for the said purposes; the Convention shall be at liberty to appropriate any excess to the purposes mentioned in the second of these resolutions.

4. *Resolved*, That in order to meet the urgent calls for occasional services, in the vacant congregations during the current year; the Treasurer of the Convention be, and he is hereby authorized to transfer \$200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of the Convention fund now on hand, to the credit of the committee to be appointed as aforesaid, which sum or

so much thereof as may be transferred, shall be considered as a loan from the former to the latter, to be returned with interest as soon as may be convenient, and at farthest within five years.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, the Memorial from St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, read yesterday and laid upon the table, was ordered to be committed to the committee, to be appointed in pursuance of the above report.

The Rev. Mr. *Montgomery* from the committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention, reported an amendment to the 4th article of the constitution, which was adopted by the Convention, (voting, as required in the constitution, by orders,) so as to make that article read as follows:

"The Convention shall be composed both of clergymen and laymen. Every clergyman of the church resident within the state, except such as are declared to be disqualified by the canons of the General Convention, shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Convention; and each incorporated or otherwise regularly established Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese, now a party to the above stated act of association, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the Convention, may send to the Convention a deputy or deputies, *worshippers in the said church*, not more than three—to be elected by the vestry of such church. Where two or more churches are united under one vestry, each church shall nevertheless be entitled to send deputies."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held on the first Tuesday after the first Wednesday in May.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Clay*, the following parochial reports were read—

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*The United Churches of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. rector, the Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. the Rev. Jackson Kemper and the Rev. William H. De Lancey, assistant ministers,—baptisms 116—burials 134—communicants 325.*

It should be noticed that there has been a diminution of communicants, owing to the desirable event of the erection of two new churches in the city, and one in Southwark.

The three male, and the three female Sunday schools continue in operation, as also the female adult school.

Lectures have been given during Lent as in former years,



to those of the catechumens and others, who were preparing for confirmation; as also lectures by the rector, after confirmation, on the doctrines of grace.

There have likewise, during the winter and spring, been delivered by the assistant ministers, weekly lectures on the lessons for the Sundays during the season.

Contributions for the following objects of general interest to the church in this diocese, have been made, as usual, by the parish.

For the Episcopal Fund,	\$191 00
For the Society for Advancement of Christianity,	164 00
For the Sunday School Society,	190 00
For the Convention Fund,	60 00

In addition it should be mentioned, that by the exertions of the ladies of the parish, \$150 have been raised, and paid to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to constitute the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, the Rev. Jackson Kemper, and the Rev. William H. De Lancey, patrons of that institution.

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*St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Benjamin Allen, rector*—baptisms 73, (adults 7)—Funerals 38—marriages 18—communicants 245—(added within the last year 45)—Sunday schools 5—two of which are for children of colour)—Bible school 1.

There are two bible classes, the female bible class is well attended, the male bible class is small.

The Homily Society still continues its distribution of the homilies and lives of the martyrs, in the form of tracts.

The Pilmore Society for the support of students of divinity, continues to furnish aid to two young men.

A building has recently been purchased for the use of the Sunday schools.

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*St. John's, (N. L.) Philadelphia, the Rev. George Boyd, rector*—communicants 107—baptisms (infants 23, adults 3) 26—marriages 16.

Nothing extraordinary has occurred in the concerns of this church during the past year. With a debt of about 17000 dollars, and "not many rich" among them, the congregation have to struggle with many difficulties. This, it is hoped, will be their apology for having omitted to make some of those collections, required of the church in connection with this Convention; and which, under other circumstances, they would most cheerfully have attended to. The additions to



our communion have been few, and several, on the list at the time of the last Convention, have removed into the city or elsewhere. The Sunday schools continue to be attended, and evidences of their utility are daily afforded.

There are several catechetical classes, composed of children belonging to this congregation, which are regularly attended by the children, and conducted with much interest, and a great prospect of success by several teachers.

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*Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, the Rev. Levi S. Ives, rector*—communicants 75—baptisms (infants 33, adults 7) 40—confirmed 19—marriages 6.

The success of the Sunday school is quite encouraging. The female school consists of 22 teachers—145 children belonging to school, and 85 constant attendants.

The male school consists of 10 teachers—110 children, 80 constant attendants. For the convenience of these schools, since the last Convention a building has been erected on the back part of the church lot, two stories, 20 feet by 30.

A bible class has been instituted, whose progress establishes the great benefit of this mode of instruction.

Through the munificence of the ladies of his congregation, the rector has been constituted a patron of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal church.

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*St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, the Rev. James Montgomery, rector*—baptisms (infants 30, adults 4) 34—confirmed 19—communicants, whose names have been registered, 27—marriages 3—deaths (adults 5, infants 7) 12.

The catechetical instruction of the children of the congregation, has been attended to once a week through the year.

Efforts have been made to excite a more general attention to the important, but too much neglected duty of reading the Holy Scriptures, chiefly by weekly lectures on some portion thereof; but, the rector has to regret, that his expectations have not been fully realized.

The Sunday schools, heretofore reported, are yet in successful and beneficial operation.

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*St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, rector.*—The indisposition under which I have been labouring for a few days, prevents my attendance at the Convention. I send, however, the following report:—baptisms (adults 5 children 35) 40—burials 3—communicants, of those

who attached themselves to St. Andrew's church, but who had been communicants of other churches 57—new communicants 11, total 68—marriages 12.

There are attached to this church, two flourishing Sunday schools. The male school consisting of 7 teachers, about 100 scholars.—The female school of about the same number of scholars, under the care of 15 teachers. I have endeavoured to pay much attention to these schools, and as far as is in my power, I hear one class from each school every Sunday. The progress of some of the children is really wonderful, and bears the most unequivocal testimony, not only to the utility of Sunday school instruction, but to the faithfulness of the teachers.

The catechism class consists of about 60, composed of the children of those belonging to the congregation. At a late public examination before their parents, 360 questions were asked, and all answered with perfect correctness: the text book used, is the explanation of the church catechism as published by the Homily Society of St. Paul's church.

The female bible class has an average attendance of about 120—the rector has good reason to believe, that the most important spiritual advantages have resulted from the same.

By the industry of two female members of the congregation, the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, and the Rev. William Hooper, have been constituted patrons of the General Missionary Society, the same has been done for the rector by the exertions of several ladies of the congregation.

On the whole, there is abundant reason of gratitude to God, for the many mercies and blessings which have been extended.

The rector can not close this report, without alluding to the afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence in the death of Mr. William Thackara, one of the earliest and most zealous friends of the church, which lamented event took place very shortly after its consecration.

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*St. Luke's church, Germantown, the Rev. Edward R. Lippitt, rector*—Reports, that during the last year there have been—burials 2—baptisms 3—present number of communicants 15.

There are a male and female Sunday school for adults and children attached to this church. The number of scholars in the former, is about 100, and the latter about 20; both are in a flourishing condition.

*Trinity church, Oxford, the Rev. George Sheets, rector—baptisms (adults 3, infants 8) 11—communicants 23.*

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*St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, the Rev. Albert A. Muller, rector—baptisms (adults 15, children 10) 25—marriages 4—deaths 13—communicants about 70.*

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*St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal township, the Rev. Levi Bull, rector—baptisms (1 adult and 13 children) 14—communicants 30—marriages 12—funerals not known.*

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*Bangor church, Churchtown, the Rev. Levi Bull, rector—baptisms 4—communicants 46—marriages 1—funerals not known.*

There is, also, a female bible society, composed chiefly of the members of Bangor, who have been, and are actively engaged in disseminating revealed truth.

There is a Sunday school conducted in part, by the members of Bangor church, in a tolerably flourishing condition; about forty children usually attend. There are three Sunday schools conducted, also, in part by the members of St. Mary's church, which promise to be greatly promotive of the best interests of the rising generation.

In both these congregations, there is not only an increasing attention to the external services of the church, but to the internal experience and enjoyment of religion, which it is the object of those services to cherish and promote.

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*St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, and St. Paul's church, Chester, the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector—baptisms (1 adult, 4 infants) 5—communicants deceased 3, removed 3, present number 43—marriages 13—burials 31.*

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*David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, rector*—St. Peter's, baptisms none—communicants 12—funerals not ascertained. From St. David's, Radnor, baptisms none—communicants 16—marriages 4—funerals not ascertained.

The rector is pained to state, (and desires to be deeply humbled before God on account of it,) that the spiritual interests of his flock, are not as flourishing as could have been wished. While many have attended on his ministry, too rarely has his heart been cheered by those sounds, which awake rapture in heaven, "what must we do to be saved!" Such seasons, in times past, we have experienced. Their memory still lives in our heart, and inspires the prayer that "His work may be revived in the midst of the year." In making this statement, we are influenced by a desire, that our brethren of the same faith and hope, may be induced to unite their prayers to those of the little band already engaged in this cause.

Should God visit us with the outpourings of his grace, we shall place it to the account of his blessing on the *united* prayers of his people.

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*St. James's church, Lancaster, and John's church, Pequea, the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, associate rector*—St. James's, baptisms (infants 18, adults 2) 20—funerals 10—marriages 19—communicants will be returned by the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg. St. John's, Pequea—baptisms (infants 17, adults 11) 28—funerals 6—marriages 2—communicants 40.

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*St. James's church, Lancaster, and St. John's church, Pequea, the Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, associate rector*—St. James's, baptisms 10—communicants 50—marriages 4—funerals 6.

The Sunday schools, to which is attached a junior bible class, contain more than 200 scholars—among which have occurred several gratifying instances of juvenile piety. There is also an adult school in the congregation; 50 dollars have been collected for the bishop's fund. On the whole, the church is increasing in piety and numbers, especially the younger part of it, to which particular attention is paid in the instruction of catechetical classes.—St. John's, Pequea. Believing, that the residence of a clergyman among the people of this church was necessary to its welfare, I resigned the charge of it to the Rev. Mr. Bowman, who officiates three fourths of his time in Pequea. Under his ministration the



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*Christ church, Greensburgh, and the church at Kittaning, the Rev. Moses P. Bennet, rector*—baptisms (adults 27, children 39) 66—funerals 3—communicants 25.

Within the present year, I have preached once at Indiana, and once at Pittsburgh, where with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, I administered the Holy Eucharist to 52 persons.

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*St. John's church, York, the Rev. Charles Williams, rector.* This church having been vacant since October, 1822, was opened for divine service on the 8th of June, 1823; since which time, it has had the one half of my time, and Christ-church, Huntington township, Adams county, the other. The congregation of St. John's consists of about 30 families, containing 152 souls. Eight new members have been added to the congregation during the past year; and, as there is an attachment manifested towards our church in this place, there are reasonable and good grounds to believe, that in the event of a clergyman being permanently settled here, the congregation would soon very much increase. The pecuniary means, however, of the two congregations, are at present but very limited; being unable to raise for the support of a minister, more than \$300 between them. The church and parsonage house at York require some repairs, the latter in its present state being hardly habitable, and unless it has something done to it soon, it must go to ruin. The congregation have, as far as their means will allow them, set on foot a subscription to put the premises in order; but the sum collected being very inadequate for that purpose, they trust, that among the charitable and well-disposed of our communion, they will be able to make up the deficiency. During the past year—baptisms (adults 3, infants 10) 13—one adult received into our communion—funerals 2, one a communicant—communicants about 16.

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*Christ-church, Huntington, Adams county, the Rev. Charles Williams, rector.*—The congregation of Christ church, consists of about twenty families, containing 130 souls. They are, for the most part, regular in their attendance at divine service, and warm in their attachment to the church.—During the past year there have been—2 infants baptised—funerals 2, both communicants—the number of communicants about 12.

*Trinity church, Pittsburg, the Rev. John H. Hopkins, rector*—number of communicants between 40 and 50. At the last administration of the sacrament there were 6 new communicants added, and there is an expectation that the current year will witness an increase of 10 or 15 more.

Number of baptisms since the 21st of December 1823, at which period the present rector took charge of the congregation, 17, of which 4 were adults, the number of baptisms would have been much more considerable, but that it has been endeavoured to induce the congregation to take their children to church, instead of having them baptized in private, and the inclemency of the winter obliged several parents to procrastinate until a more favourable season. Number of funerals 4—marriages none.

A Sunday school and a bible class are in operation, with prospects of usefulness. The general state of this congregation is encouraging. The present church being too small for their accommodation has been sold, and is to be taken down. A new building of a very commodious and enlarged size has been commenced in a better part of the city, under the most favourable auspices; and it is hoped, that when this building shall be completed, a considerable accession of members to the church will exhibit a more convincing proof of its prosperity, than can now be shown in this quarter. All that can, with propriety be at present said, is, that the prospect is highly promising, and with the blessing of the great Head of the church, but little doubt can be entertained that those prospects will, in due time, be amply fulfilled.

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The Rev. *Norman Nash* deacon, employed by the society for the Advancement of Christianity in this state, reports as follows:

*St. John's church, Huntingdon.*—This church has received the ministerial labours of Mr. Nash but half of the Lord's day during the past year, during which time, the attention to the word and worship of God, the improvement in singing, and the gradual increase of members have been truly pleasing and promising. Peace and harmony generally prevails among the members, and between them and other denominations. A degree of zeal is manifested, and now happily delivered from the sorrows of this and some few, it is believed, have been savingly converted, are resting from their labours followed by their works: but it is also feared, that there is not that general and anxious inquiry—that “pressing into the kingdom of God,” through



the only way of *repentance* and *faith*, which every faithful minister of the gospel must ardently desire to see manifested by the people of his charge: still, the hope seems to be sustained by evidence, that God is there, "separating to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The house of worship has been nearly finished—baptisms 4—communicants not ascertained.

*In Waynesburg*, there has been a small congregation gathered during the last six months—8 adults and 10 children have been baptized, and the prospect is promising. As yet they have no house of their own for public worship, but contemplate building.

*St. Mark's church, Lewistown.* The Lord has been very gracious to this infant congregation. A little more than a year ago, Mr. Nash commenced his labours there, and could only number about four persons who seemed to be attached to the church. A favourable disposition soon after appeared, and he engaged to them one half of his Sundays for the year. On the 26th of August last, the corner stone of an Episcopal church was laid, on a commodious and handsome situation in the borough of Lewistown, and an elegant brick building in the Gothic style, is now nearly completed, and will be, (it is expected,) ready for consecration in a few weeks. The congregation is duly organized, and also incorporated, and though not numerous, is respectable and increasing. It is hoped, that they will not find themselves much involved in debt when the church is completed.—Baptisms—1 adult and 1 infant—number of communicants not known.

*In Thompsonstown*, there are a few Episcopal families who are not yet organized into a regular church. They have been visited several times by Mr. Nash, and are recommended to the attention of their brethren, and such of the clergy as have it in their power to call upon them.

Many other places have been visited by Mr. Nash on the Juniata and elsewhere—10 adults and 25 children have been baptized, but as the Lord's supper has not been administered, the actual number of communicants is not known—marriages 3.

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The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, deacon, employed by the same society as domestic missionary in the city and county of Philadelphia, and officiating in a recently erected church in Francisville, reports - baptisms, (infant 1—adults 2) total 3—marriage 1. A Sunday school, connected with the church, consists of about fifty scholars.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, for his sermon delivered at its opening.

On motion of Mr. *Robinson*, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the inhabitants of Norristown, for their politeness and hospitality to the members thereof.

On motion of Mr. *Kerr*, *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Constitution, Canons, and Regulations of the church in this state, be printed for the use of the members of the same.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, *Resolved*, That the members of this Convention, before its adjournment, furnish to the secretary their respective addresses, in order to facilitate the conveyance to them of the Journal and other communications.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be hereafter the duty of the secretary, in his notices of the meeting of the Convention, to mention the hour of the day at which the Convention will meet to organize.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Muhlenberg*, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, of Deputies to the General Convention, and of a Missionary Committee.

The following gentlemen were elected.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF ADVICE.

The Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, and Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, of the clergy; with Chief Justice *Tilghman*, Commodore *Dale*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Comegys*, and Mr. *Wheeler*, of the laity.

#### DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. Mr. *Muhlenberg*, the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, and the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, of the clergy; with Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Meredith*, Mr. *Sitgreaves*, and Mr. *Edward J. Stiles*, of the laity.

#### MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, and the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, of the clergy; with Mr. *Bancker*, Mr. *Stevenson*, and Mr. *Meredith*, of the laity.

Mr. *Thomas H. White* was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention, and Mr. *John Read* Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Allen*, the secretary was directed to attend to the printing of the Journal.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM H. DELANCEY, *Secretary*.

## NOTICE.

The next annual convention of the church in this diocese, will be held in St. Paul's church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Tuesday the tenth day of May, A. D. 1825, at five o'clock P. M.

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*List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

## PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

*The City of Philadelphia.*—The United churches of Christ-church, St. Peter's church and St. James's church—St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Thomas's (African) Church.

*Northern Liberties.*—St. John's Church.

*Southwark.*—Trinity Church.

*Lower Dublin Township.*—All Saints Church.

*Oxford Township.*—Trinity Church.

*Germantown.*—St. Luke's Church.

*Blockley Township, Mantua.*—St. Mark's Church.

## DELAWARE COUNTY.

*Chester.*—St. Paul's Church.

*Lower Chichester Township, Marcus Hook.*—St. Martin's Church.

*Concord Township.*—St. John's Church.

*Radnor Township.*—St. David's Church.

## CHESTER COUNTY.

*New London Township.*—St. John's Church.

*East Nantmeal Township.*—St. Mary's Church.

*Valley.*—St. Peter's Church.

*Pequea Township.*—St. John's Church.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

*City of Lancaster.*—St. James's Church.

*Leacock Township.*—Christ Church.

*Caernarvon Township, Church Town.*—Bangor Church.

## BUCKS COUNTY.

*Bristol.*—St. James the Greater's Church.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

*Whitemarsh Township.*—St. Thomas's Church.

*Perkiomen Township.*—St. James's Church.

*Norristown.*—St. John's Church.



BERKS COUNTY.

*Amity Township.*—St. Gabriel's Church.

*Reading.*—Christ Church

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

*Easton.*---Trinity Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Milton.*---Christ Church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

*Sugarloaf Township.*---St. Gabriel's Church.

*Bloomsbury.*---St Paul's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

*Muncey Creek Township.*—St. James's Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

*Wilkes-Barre.*—St. Stephen's Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

*Pike.*—St. Matthew's Church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

*Springville.*—St. Jude's Church.

*New Milford.*-----Church.

YORK COUNTY.

*York.*---St. John the Baptist's Church.

ADAMS COUNTY.

*Huntington Township.*---Christ Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Carlisle.*---St. John's Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

*City of Pittsburgh.*---Trinity Church.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

*Greensburg.*---Christ Church.

# LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

May, 1824.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D.D. Bishop, Senior of the American church, presiding in the house of bishops, and rector of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary in New York.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, associate rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, and St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and rector of Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester, Chester county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, assistant minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, rector of St. James's church, Per-

kiomen and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Alfred A. Muller*, rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, rector of St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county, and St. John's church, New London, Chester county.

The Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklè*, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *William A. Muhlenberg*, associate rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *John Rodney*, jun. rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county, and Professor of Languages in Dickinson College, in the Borough.

The Rev. *John P. Bausman*, jun. officiating in Brownsville and Connelville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, assistant minister of Christ-church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Edward R. Lippitt*, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *John F. Robinson*, residing at White Marsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, jun. residing at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. *Moses P. Bennet*, rector of Christ church, Greensburg, and the church at Kittaning, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. *Levi S. Ives*, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.



34 *List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

The Rev. *Norman Nash*, deacon, officiating in Mifflin county and parts adjacent, as missionary of the society of the Protestant Episcopal church, for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*, deacon, officiating in Reading, Berks county, in the service of the same society.

The Rev. *Charles Williams*, deacon, rector of St. John's church, York, York county, and Christ-church, Huntington, Adams county.

The Rev. *Enoch Huntington*, deacon, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barrè, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, associate rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county.

The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, deacon, officiating in the city and county of Philadelphia as domestic missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity.

The Rev. *Christian F. Crusè*, deacon, residing in Philadelphia

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, deacon, officiating in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity.

The Rev. *Matthew Matthews*, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Levington*, deacon, (a coloured man) residing in Philadelphia.



*Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Penna.*

1823.			
May 26	To this sum paid Rev. Mr. Kemper for missionaries, viz. Rev. Mr. Bennet 5, Rev. Mr. Sitgreaves 10,	15	
30	To expenses of Rev. Levi Bull, delegate to General Convention, repaid him,	8	
June 17	To Jesper Harding's bill for printing notices for Standing Committee,	2	50
1824.			
March 18	To deposite in Saving Fund,	100	
22	To J. Crissy's bill for printing notices,	3	25
April 15	To order from Standing Committee in favour of S. Potter & Co. for printing Selection of New Hymns for Committee of General Convention, and to be considered a set-off against a sum to be paid the General Convention by this diocese, as its quota towards the fund for defraying expenses,	27	50
	To deposite in Saving Fund,	50	
May 4	To balance in hand,	8	52
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		\$214	77
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<i>Present Investments, viz.</i>			
	First investment, June, 1822,	500	00
	Interest added, Jan. 1, 1823,	6	00
	Do. Jan. 1, 1824,	12	20
	Amount, including interest, in Saving Fund, as per their account 1st Jan. 1824,	318	20
	Deposits since, as per present account,	150	
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		\$468	20

The Treasurer has written *twice* to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of last General Convention, (Rev. Dr. Rudd) requesting him to draw for amount of quota to be contributed by this Diocese, or to point out in what manner he would wish it remitted; to which no reply has been received. This fact is here stated, to prevent a charge of delinquency on the part of this Diocese, in said matter.\*

\* Since writing the above, and closing this account, Dr. Rudd has drawn on me, in favour of T. & I. Swords, for \$27 75, which I paid: it will be charged in next account.



*in account with T. H. White*

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1823.			
May	By balance as per former settlement, . . .	18	77
	By contributions received during session at Lancaster, viz.		
	St. David's Church, Radnor, . . . 5		
	St. James's Church, Perkiomen, . . . 5		
	St. John's Church, Carlisle, . . . 6		
	Trinity Church, Philadelphia, . . . 5		
	St. John's Church, Pequea, . . . 5		
	St. Paul's Church, Chester, . . . 6		
	St. Mary's Church, Chester County, . . . 5		
	St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, . . . 5		
	Christ-Church, Leacock, Lancaster County, . . . 5		
	St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, . . . 5		
	All Saints, Lower Dublin, . . . 5		
	Trinity, Oxford, . . . 5	61	
	Receipts since:		
27	Trinity Church, Easton, . . . . .	5	
Sept. 23	St. John's Church, Philadelphia, N. L. 2 years due,	10	
Oct. 15	St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, . . . . .	20	
1824.			
March 16	St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. . . . .	20	
18	St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, . . . . .	20	
April 15	By contributions received from the United Churches in Philadelphia, Christ, St. Peter's & St. James's,	60	
		\$214	75
	<i>Churches delinquent in their contributions this period.</i>		
	Church at Lancaster,		
	Church at Norristown,		
	Church at Germantown.		

THOMAS H. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

*Philadelphia, May 4, 1824.*

We, the subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Thomas H. White, Treasurer of the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, have performed that duty, and find the same correct, payments supported by proper vouchers, leaving a balance in his hands this day, of eight dollars and fifty-two cents.

CORNELIUS COMEGYS,  
CHARLES WHEELER.

*Philadelphia, May 4, 1824.*

*The Episcopal Fund in the Diocese of Pennsylvania in account with John Read, Treasurer.*

*Dr.*

*Cr.*

1823.		1824.		1825.	
July 10	To Cash paid Messrs. Hale & Davidson,	164	64	1823.	By Cash, being the proceeds of the annual sermon preached in Bangor Church,
Oct. 10	Do. do.	118	36	May 14	By Cash, All Saint's ditto,
Jan. 13	Do. do.	149	76		Do. St. Martin's ditto,
1824.					Do. St. Paul's ditto,
April 20	Do. do.	122	16		Do. St. John's ditto, Carlisle,
					Do. St. Mary's ditto, Chester County,
				June 10	Interest on U. S. 6 per cents, due 1st instant,
				Oct. 9	Do. do. 1st instant,
				15	Cash, being the proceeds of the annual sermon preached in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia,
				1824.	
				Jan. 13	Interest on U. S. 6 per cents, due 1st instant,
				April 19	Do. do. 1st instant,
		\$554	92		

We, the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers for the items on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.

CORNELIUS COMEGYS,  
CHARLES WHEELER.

*Philad. May 4, 1824.*

JOHN READ, *Treasurer.*  
*Philad. May 1, 1824.*

*Bought by order of John Read, Esq. for the Episcopal Fund, and transferred to "John Read, Richard Dale, and Thomas Hale, in trust."*

1823.	Six per cents of 1814.				
	July 11	\$158 31	at	104 per cent	\$164 64
	October 21,	111 92	-	105 $\frac{3}{4}$	118 36
1824.	January 14,	141 81	-	105 $\frac{3}{4}$	149 96
	April 20,	113 11	-	108	122 16
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		\$525 15			\$555 12
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Received payment of John Read, Esq. Treasurer,  
HALE & DAVIDSON, *Philadelphia.*

*Amount of Episcopal Fund in U. States Six per cent. Stock.*

No.					
1164 of 1812, dated 30 April, 1824, exchanged 6 pr cents of 1812,					\$264 96
3114 of 1813,	do.	do.	Loan of 7,500,000,	. . . .	2414 78
6150 of 1813,	do.	do.	Loan of 16,000,000,	. . . .	2477 81
2069 of 1814,	do.	do.	Loan of 2 May, 1814, of	}	3101 06
10,000,000,	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .		
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					\$8258 61

JOHN READ, *Treasurer.*

*Philadelphia, May 1, 1824.*

*The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund report,*

That since their last report, made on the 6th day of May, 1823, the treasurer has received, from the collections made in the churches, and from interest due on United States Stock, five hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety two cents. With this sum, as it was received at different periods in the course of the year, there has been purchased \$525 15 of United States stock. These investments, in addition to former purchases, will make the whole amount of Six per cent. stock, belonging to the Episcopal Fund at this time, \$8258 61.

JOHN READ,  
RICHARD DALE, } *Trustees.*  
THOMAS HALE, }

*Philadelphia, May 1, 1824.*



